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**CUSTOMER NO. 22927**

Applicants: Walker *et al.*  
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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS WHEREIN A SECURITY  
DEPOSIT FACILITATES A TRANSACTION IN WHICH A  
BENEFIT IS APPLIED IN EXCHANGE FOR PERFORMANCE  
OF A TASK

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE  
to the Non-final Office Action mailed May 29, 2007**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Non-final Office Action mailed May 29, 2007 (Part of Paper No./Mail Date 20070514), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

This document is filed by Applicants' representative on behalf of the present Applicants for patent. Accordingly, references in this document to "we," "us," "our," and the like will be understood as indicating the present Applicants.